

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:324

ANSWERED ON:18.08.2006

RAJIV GANDHI GRAMEEN VIDYUTIKARAN YOJANA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has suggested implementation of the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana on a turnkey basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether there is slow progress in undertaking the work of the scheme in some States;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 324 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 18.08.2006 REGARDING RAJIV GANDHI GRAMEEN VIDYUTIKARAN YOJANA.

(a) & (b) : As per the sanction orders, one of the conditions stipulated for implementing projects under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana is that 'the project shall be executed on turnkey basis in accordance with REC's guidelines for procurement of goods and services'. Accordingly, States along with the State utilities have entered into a Tripartite or a Quadripartite Agreement with Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC). 27 States have entered into such Agreements.

(c) & (d) : No, Sir. The target set for village electrification for 2005-06 was 10,000 against which 9819 villages have been electrified. In 2006-07, uptill 14.08.2006, 5590 villages have been electrified.

(e) : Following steps have been taken to speed up the work under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana:-

- To augment the implementation capacities of State Electricity Boards/Power Utilities, the services of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) have been offered to the States.

- REC has issued guidelines for formulation of projects, procurement guidelines and bidding procedure for procurement of goods and services for projects to be executed on turn key basis and for selection of franchisees. It has also updated the existing REC's technical specifications for equipment/material and construction standards for adoption in project implementation/execution.

- States advised to constitute District Committees to monitor the progress of rural electrifications works.

- Constant periodical review meetings conducted by Secretary (Power) and REC with State Governments and State Utilities.